State	Name of the Dealer/Location	Action taken	Data of termination
Orissa . .	1. Kendarnath Gouri Services, Bhauvaneshwar	Dealership terminated	7-3-91
	2. Janpath Service Station Bhuvaneshwar	Do.	24-4-92
Uttar Pradesh .	3. Singh service station Dehradun	Do.	24-4-91

Prices of petroleum products

762. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the deficit in the Oil Pool Account for the current financial year is set to cross Rs. 2,000 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Finance Ministry had maintained soon after the exchange rate unification that there would be no need for raising the prices of petroleum products in view of the then prevailing low international prices; and

(c) whether Government would consider and upward revision in the prices of petroleum products to contain the deficit to manageable levels?

THE MINISER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The price changes for petroleum products depend on a number of factors. Some of these factors are international price of crude and products, the exchange rate for the rupee, trends in domestic production, imports etc. The Government reviews the state of these factors from time to time before taking any decision oa prices.

Targets of crude oil production

763. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article on 'Poforming the Petroleum Sector' that appeared in Business India of September 13-16 1993,

(b) what is the current assessment of the target of the total prouction of crude oil as the end of the Eighth Five Yea: Plan period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the abov; target originally fixed at 180 mt. has beea downward revised to 149 mt. and whether there is any likelihood of even this target not being reached;

(d) what is the expected imports of crude oil and petroleum products in the year 1996-97 and its value in dollar terms based on today's price;

(c) whether all the contracts have been finalized for exploration of gas and oil for which so far six rounds of biddings have been completed, if not, the reasons therefor;

(£) whether satisfactory machanines has been *act* ep in Government to qaickly process various bids and finalize the contracts and if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(g) whether the Directorate of Hydrocarbon Resources ha, become fully operational?

THE MINISER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per current estimates the production of indigenous crude oil during 8th Plan period is expected to be 169.45 MT.

fdi The outlook for imports during 1996-97 is as under:—

	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs./crores)
Crude Oil . .	15 65	5,869
Products . . .	18.58	13,396

(e) First, Second and Third Round of bidding are already over. Under the Fourth Round of bidding, award of fiv contracts have been announced. Under the Fifth Round of bidding, 15 bids have been received by the last date of 30th June, 1993. For the Sixth Round, last date of receipt of bids is 31st December. 1993.

(f) Separate cell has been created in the Ministry for expeditious finalisation of the contracts under the various rounds of bidding.

(g) The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons has started functioning.

Penalities to be paid due to delay in finalising contract

764. SHRI VTREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which was published in the Business Standard of November 1, 1993 captioned 'huge penalities to be paid for delay in finalising contract';

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) what are the detail$_s$ of the bids invited and also of the contract relating to 1244 km Second Bassein Hazira Trunk (SBHT) Pipeline Project;

(d) on which date the bids were invited; submitted by each party; opened evaluated and letter of intent issued, and contract finalised with details in each case;

(e) whether it is a fact that the ONGC had decided to invite re-bids for the said contact from certain pasties with changed terms and conditions, if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the details thereof;

(f; whether the delay in the finalisation of the contract hag delayed the entere project resulting in the continued flaring of natural gas at Bombay High and also ONGC shall have to pay huge penalties to the pipe-laying contractor; and

(g) if so, what are the facts and what steps Government have so far taken in this regard?

THE MINISER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) ONGC had floated a global tender on 17.7.92 for coating and laying of the Second Bassein-Hazira Trunk Pip< lin$_e$ under Asian Development Bank (ADB) funding. Techno-commercial bids were opened on 6.10.92 and after evaluation and processing for ADB's concurrence prices bids were called from qualified bidders on 15.7.93 and opened on 30.7.93. The award of contracts for Group 'X* portion of the coating works